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Title: BIOPROSTHETIC HEART VALVES

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Enclosed are the following papers, including those required to receive a filing date under 37 CFR §1.53(b):

	<u>Pages</u>
Specification	31
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This application is entitled to small entity status.

Enclosures:

- Application Cover Sheet (1 page);
- Preliminary amendment (4 pages); and
- Postcard.

This application is a divisional (and claims the benefit of priority under 35 USC 120) of U.S. application serial no. 09/399,704, filed September 21, 1999. The disclosure of the prior application is considered part of (and is incorporated by reference in) the disclosure of this application.

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